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1. AS INSTRUCTED, RAISED GENERAL SUBJECT REFTTEL A CONCERNING UNRWA FINANCES WITH PRIME MINISTER RIFAI ON APRIL 15 DURING CALL ON HIM WITH NEA/ARN COUNTRY DIRECTOR DESIGNATE DAY. AS WE EXPECTED AND WITHOUT RAISING POINT OURSELVES, RIFAI POINTED OUT THAT ARAB LEAGUE MINISTERIAL MEETING IS NOW DUE TO RECONVENE ON APRIL 21 (AND NOT ON JUNE 21 AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL A) AND THAT SUBJECT OF UNRWA FINANCES WILL BE INSCRIBED ON THE AGENDA. (NOTE: SCHEDULED APRIL 21 ARAB LEAGUE MINISTERIAL MEETING ALSO REPORTED ON REFS B AND C.) RIFAI SAID HE THEREFORE EXPECTS TO HAVE
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FAVORABLE ARAB LEAGUE DECISION BY APRIL 24, WHICH

HE SUGGESTED SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO ASSURE UNRWA HICOM RENNIE TO RELAX MAY 1 DEADLINE. HE DID NOT THINK THAT THERE ANY NEED FOR GOJ TO APPROACH RENNIE PRIOR TO THE ARAB LEAGUE MEETING, IN VIEW THIS DEVELOPMENT.

2. RIFAI THOUGHT THAT UNRWA WOULD GET \$15-20 MILLION FROM ARAB SOURCES AS RESULT OF ARAB LEAGUE DECISION. HE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT EEC IS HOLDING ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT IN RESERVE FOR UNRWA, TO BE AWARDED FOLLOWING A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM ARAB COUNTRIES. THEREFORE, COMBINED EFFORTS WOULD BE ENOUGH TO ERASE CURRENT \$30 MILLION UNRWA DEFICITS.

3. COMMENT: FACT THAT ARAB LEAGUE MEETING NOW SCHEDULED RECONVENE PRIOR TO MAY 1 DEADLINE OBVIOUSLY CHANGES THE SITUATION AS POSED IN INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL A. RIFAI WILL NOW HAVE CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE PRIOR TO UNRWA DEADLINE WHETHER OTHER ARAB STATES SHARE HIS IMPRESSION THAT ARAB LEAGUE CONSENSUS EXISTS SUPPORTING INCREASED ARAB FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO UNRWA.
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